

CORSAUT & MEYER, OPERA HOUSE,

MOUND CITY, MISSOURI,

Desire to Call Attention to Their Immense Stock of
Ginghams, Cashmeres, Lawns, Buntings, Grenadines, Parasols, Trunks, Valises, Ladies' Shoes, Children's Shoes, Men's Shoes, Misses' Shoes, Fans, Lace Curtains, Neck-wear, Cheviots, Dress Goods, Hats, Etc. Just received a crate of Meaken's Lustre Brand Queensware and Glassware. All goods sold at the Lowest Living Price. Call and see us.

CORSAUT & MEYER, MOUND CITY, MISSOURI.

—Heavy Shirting 10c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—Mr. H. C. Schmidt, our new wagon maker, does all kinds of repairing, from a baby carriage to a log wagon. See what he will do for you at his shop in the brick building, formerly occupied by The County Paper.

—Best Gingham 10c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—Bungenstock & Price have taken charge of R. W. Dawson & Co's. store. All old accounts due the late firm are to be settled with the present firm. Call early and settle.

—Good Dress Goods 8c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—Screen Doors, Screen Windows, Screen Wire, Screen Door Springs, Hinges, Etc., sold cheap at T. L. Price's Hardware Store, Oregon, Mo.

—Heavy Ducks and Denims 10c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—Ladies, don't buy your shoes and slippers, gloves, either kid, silk, lisle thread, lace collars, handkerchiefs and hosiery, until you see the stock at H. Thomas & Co's, Craig, Mo.

—Best Prints 7 1/2c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

Go to Matland, and when there get a suit of clothes at wholesale prices of H. & L.

Subscribe for THE COUNTY PAPER, and be happy.

—9 pounds best Coffee for \$1.00 at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—Look at Bungenstock & Price's "ad." They are thrifty young men, and will command a large trade in upper Holt. Give them a call and see the war upon high prices.

—Men's suits only \$4.00 at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—We make the best Team Pad. A. & B.

—A new Timpken Spring Top buggy with shafts, or pole for sale cheap for cash or on time. Apply to J. FOSTER MARSHALL, Oregon, Mo.

—Minton & Burgess, Forest City, sell for cash and produce only.

Young man, a suit of clothing at wholesale is just what you want. Hershberger & Lewis, Matland, Mo.

—Men's and Boys' Hats 5c at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

Call at the "RED FRONT," Matland, Missouri, for everything and you will be happy.

—We use nothing but the best of Leather, and warrant every strap in Harness. ANDERSON & CUMMINS.

—Ladies' Trimmed Hats from 25c to \$4.00 at Minton & Burgess', Forest City.

—Get your harness repaired at D. M. Martin.

A well selected stock of Clothing to be sold at cost by Hershberger & Lewis, Matland, Mo.

Mr. Wm. A. Gaudin, St. Louis, Mo., says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for vertigo and pain in the head and have been benefited."

For Sale
A good stout farm horse. Apply to George P. Luckhardt, Oregon, Mo.

A Valuable Addition.
Because it is beneficial to the scalp and adds to personal beauty by restoring color and lustre to gray or faded hair, is Gray Back's Hair Balsam is such a popular dressing.

ANDERSON & CUMMINS
Have recently received several car loads of the most popular make of

Agricultural Implements,

Which farmers would do well to call and examine, before purchasing elsewhere.

—Take THE COUNTY PAPER.

—Will Huiatt is still very ill.

—Mont Austin is in Atchison, Kansas.

—Sol Foster is enjoying himself in Council Bluffs.

—Did you see the blood on the moon a few days ago?

—The late grand jury found only eight true bills.

—Napier wants a public road to get in or out of both.

—Cornwall wants a bank. The field for one there is a good one.

—Large piles of lumber for buildings are on the ground at Napier.

—The Grison Grange is reported to be in a flourishing condition.

—The Missouri river is lower than usual at this time of the year.

—Steamboats on the Missouri river are more numerous than usual.

—A good blacksmith would find steady employment at Corning.

—Frazer Allen, of Watson, Missouri, was visiting in town, this week.

—Many of our most thrifty farmers are through with corn-planting.

—Daniel Zachman and family are visiting relatives in Atchison county.

—A nurse is wanted at the poor farm to take charge of two female invalids.

—Albert Whitmer leaves next week on a visit to relatives in Miami county, Ohio.

—Ed Vest, living in the Blair district, Bigelow township, caught three wolves last week.

—Dynamiters will let John Bull alone. They can't blow enough of him up to help them out.

—George Collier, of Corning, intends to improve his mill soon. Wm. Kane is to do the work for him.

—Rev. Medguth, of the M. E. church, South, preached a very able sermon in Bigelow last Sunday.

—Dr. Ashworth of Mound City, has returned from Cincinnati, where he has been attending medical college.

—Mrs. Annie Masow and family, of Forest City, remove to St. Joseph in a few days, where they will make their future home.

—George W. Crow, of Carthage, Mo., who lived near Oregon during the war, has returned with his family and located among us again.

—The area of wheat, spring and fall, in Holt county, is estimated to be twenty per cent. greater this year than last. It is looking fine now.

—Charles and Low Williams and George Acton were in San Francisco on the 25th ult., and left by steamer for Portland, Oregon, on the 27th.

—W. S. Schuller has taken charge of the Valley Hotel at Matland, and you can rest assured you will have not only a clean bed but a first-class meal.

—John H. Walker, of Cayhoga Falls, Ohio, is visiting his cousin, recorder Lyons.

—Mr. Walker is an experienced tinner, and thinks of locating in our county.

—There is still some talk of a western railroad connection at Corning. Engineers were at work there during the winter. It seems possible that this may yet be done.

—And now is the time to plant spring advertisements, and the sooner they are planted the sooner they will ripen. There is no danger of their being hurt by frost.

—Lost—Last Wednesday in Forest City, a watch chain of the compass pattern. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same to this office immediately.

—Rev. Samuel Carothers will preach in Oregon M. E. church next Sunday, both morning and evening; at the Ruff City school house at 3 P. M. All invited to these services.

—Richard Acton has sold his No. 4 township farm, consisting of 100 acres and twenty acres, for \$5,000. We understand he contemplates going to Washington Territory.

—Philip Schulte has purchased the widow Wilson property in the western part of the city. The sale was made through Moore & Hoffmann, real estate agents. Price paid was \$850.

—John Carlow again occupies his new house, a better and more substantial building than the one burned down. The carpenter work was done by Jere Kelley & Son, and the plastering by Mr. Simpson, of Oregon.

—The following is a list of letters un-called for at the postoffice, Oregon, Mo., May 1st, 1883: Sarah Farley, Huldah Green, Mary E. Gentry, Wade H. Morris, Daniel Mahan, Julian Spores, Jonathan S. Welman, F. A. Young.

—The fishing party from Forest City last Tuesday was a success in point of numbers, forty-two composing the party—and well, we won't enumerate the number of fish caught, and will only say that Will Minton was the champion.

—W. T. Eddy has been quite ill for several days.

—Frank Evans is in St. Joseph looking out for a "sit."

—The Corning Cornet band will give a ball on the 10th inst.

—Miss Trace Sporelle will leave next Monday for St. Joseph.

—Miss Emma Cottrell will spend the summer in Oregon.

—We return thanks to grandpa Allen for the first "garden sass" of the season.

—Services at the Christian church next Sunday morning and evening, by O. C. Hill.

—L. J. Moore and W. R. Hoffmann took a business (?) trip to Haworth, Kansas, this week.

—\$900 to loan at straight interest on straight mortgage. Local money. Charles W. Thomas, Oregon, Mo.

—Hon. J. H. Pratt, of St. Joseph, has accepted an invitation to deliver the oration in this city on Memorial Day.

—We are glad to learn that Mrs. Henry Peret, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks, is slowly improving.

—M. U. Demarest, representing the firm of H. E. Bucken & Co., Chicago, Ill., gave us a pleasant call last Tuesday.

—Mrs. Hugh Montgomery and her pleasing children of Mound City, were the guests of Mrs. Robert Montgomery this week.

—L. D. Barnes and wife of New Point, left Tuesday for Fremont, Nebraska, where they will make their future home.

—County court has been in session and considerable business was transacted. We will publish the proceedings next week.

—Parties finding a wagon umbrella, which was lost between Oregon and the Mart Meyer farm, will be rewarded by leaving the same at this office.

—Mr. Sibey and wife, of Ohio, the venerable parents of Mrs. Hugh Montgomery of Mound City, are in the city the guests of Mrs. R. Montgomery.

—W. T. Maplin has been invited by Christian Meyer Post, G. A. R. to deliver a Memorial sermon at the Christian church in this city on the 27th inst.

—Mrs. Serelda G. Thomas and her sister, Nannie Gilstrap, will leave for La Plata, Mo., Tuesday next to visit their parents, and will spend several months at home.

—F. W. Water shipped six car loads of cattle and one of hogs to Chicago from Corning last Tuesday. The firm of which he is a member shipped two loads at the same time from Fairfax.

—Hersherberger & Lewis of Matland, have stocked up with an elegant line of spring goods. They are reliable gentlemen and the people of that town and vicinity are to be congratulated on having such first-class business men.

—Prof. Donny of the Corning public school has introduced scrubbing machines in his school. Many of his pupils are already quite proficient in handling the mop as an examination of the neat school room occupied by them will prove.

—Lovers of fine horses should take a look through Col. Libby's stables at Matland, if they want to see blooded stock. The Col. has the finest English Coach and Gray Percheron stallions that it has ever been our pleasure to gaze upon.

—The ladies of the Christian Church Missionary Society will give an entertainment at their church next Saturday evening, May 12th, consisting of music, recitations, refreshments, etc. All are cordially invited to attend. See program elsewhere.

—Remember, we are prepared to do all kinds of job printing, cards, posters, billboards, letterheads, horse and jack bills, in fact, everything in the job printing line, and we promise that all work shall be done neatly, cheaply and expeditiously. Give us a call before going elsewhere.

—The option dealers of Chicago and New York have been trying for several weeks past, by the production of statistics which vary 150,000,000 bushels, to effect the wheat market of the country in their own behalf. If these miscreants could be sent to the penitentiary it would be a good thing for the public.

—Circuit court adjourned Friday last, and closed one of the most active and hard-working terms ever held in Oregon. Every day and evening (41 ten o'clock) were occupied in close and careful work. All cases which were for trial were determined, and the dockets were well "cleaned up." Much credit is due to the energy and industry of Judge Kelley who was most constantly engaged with "jury trials" and yet more than this had to consider and determine equity cases.

—D. M. Martin is offering special inducements in the harness and saddlery line for the next thirty days.

—George Nies spent Sunday last in Fort Worth, Texas.

—Postmaster Mahan, of Mound City, has made some valuable improvements in his postoffice.

—Ed. L. Hart will be an applicant for admission to the bar at the August term of our circuit court.

—Frank Chambers, Charley Soper, Bob Pitcher, Will McRoberts and George Luckhart, all of Mound City, were in our city Sunday.

—The Corner stone of the M. E. church in the Minnesota Valley will be laid with improving ceremonies on Tuesday, the 13th. Presiding Elder Middleton, will be present and officiate.

—Young men, old men and boys, go straight into H. Thomas & Co's, Craig, if you want to be made happy, by buying a suit of clothing, hat, boots or shoes, or anything in the line of furnishing goods.

—On Monday last Mr. C. K. Carant received the sad intelligence of the death of his venerable father, which occurred at his home in London, Ontario, at 2 o'clock. He had attained the remarkable age of four score and three and had lived on the farm where he died since 1819.

—Mr. S. B. Austin and his interesting little son have returned to their home in Mound City, after a pleasant two weeks' visit as the guests of Mrs. Fannie Dunagan. Mrs. Austin is one of those brilliant ladies that cast a halo of sunshine around those who have the good fortune to meet her.

—Mr. Keyon Sken, of Denver, Colorado, has taken charge of the Mineral Springs at Mound City, and will make it a resort for pleasure seekers and invalids in the northwest. He and his wife are a most pleasing couple, and are calculated to make it pleasant for all who will place themselves in their charge.

—A copy of the Madisonian, published at Virginia City, Montana, comes to our table this week, announcing the marriage of our friend and subscriber, Robert E. Morris and Miss Regina A. Double, which occurred at the residence of Hon. E. H. Conley, in Madison county, Montana, April 10. We congratulate you, Robert, and wish you and your fair bride a long life of usefulness and joyed happiness.

—Matland has one of the newest musical emporiums in the country, and it is a credit to the business enterprise of that town. It is certainly a great accommodation to the people of that section to have an establishment of this kind where they can buy any kind of musical instrument desired, or anything in musical merchandise. The proprietor, Doc Hedgpath, is ably assisted by Miss, Battle Thompson, a young lady of musical attainments and social qualities. We cannot see why such an establishment should not be a success in the hands of two such excellent people.

—The prairies are green and thousands of cattle are grazing upon them. But the farmers of Holt county now own more cattle than can be supported by the grass raised here. Large numbers have been taken to Kansas, Nebraska and other portions of the west. It is time for our farmers to consider by what means this may be prevented. There are thousands of acres of land in the county that are either too wet for cultivation or are subject to overfloods almost annually and on which corn or wheat cannot be raised to a profit which will grow grass—not all kinds, but many kinds that will sustain and fatten cattle. George Adolph has adopted the plan, this year, of sowing grass on such parts of his lands as are subject to wash. This is a good move and more should follow it.

—A complimentary tea was tendered Mrs. Birdsell Eiegenbaum on last Wednesday evening by the members of the Woman's Union, prior to her departure for Omaha, her future place of residence. Mrs. Eiegenbaum has been a most active and brilliant member of the Union during her residence in Oregon and has won a warm place in the hearts of not only the members of this organization, but of the entire people of Oregon. The supper, served in a dozen courses, included many of the delicacies of the season, and in addition to the members of the Union, we noticed Dr. A. Goslin, H. Shute, Dr. Eiegenbaum, J. M. Hansen, O. C. Hill, T. C. Dugan, Clark Irvine, D. P. Dobyns, S. B. Lukens. After supper the party gathered in the rooms of the Union, where a very pleasant hour was spent in talking, music and song. In the removal of Dr. Eiegenbaum and his noble wife from our midst, the literary of Oregon lose two brilliant stars, and their places cannot be easily filled. Among those present we noticed, S. B. Lukens and wife, O. C. Hill and wife, J. M. Hansen and wife, Dr. A. Goslin and wife, D. P. Dobyns and wife, Henry Shute and wife, T. C. Dugan and wife, Clark Irvine and wife, Mesdames J. B. Curry, Soper, Goslin, S. Austin, Misses Kate Evans and Emma Dibble.

THE ALHAMBRA,

An Essay read at the closing exercises of our Normal School,

BY NANNIE GILSTRAP.

Situated upon the banks of the Darro, surrounded by groves of orange and citron and in the midst of lovely gardens, is the Alhambra of Granada. This Moorish palace was begun by Alhamar in 1238 and completed by his successors a century later. It was fortified in the strongest manner known to the middle ages; being surrounded by a wall a mile in circuit. This was studied here and there with towers, eight of which, since the conquest of Granada, have been destroyed. Its walls, however, have been restored in its original state. It is only within the last few years that a just appreciation has bestowed the proper care.

The ceilings of many of the halls are of cedar wood inlaid with pearl, ivory and silver, while the walls are ornamented in the most elegant manner. The Alhambra has been celebrated by all travelers for its grandeur and elegance of architecture, and by none more worthily than our own countryman, Washington Irving, who has given the most picturesque description of it. As we follow him through its labyrinthine passages, we are reminded of the Arabian Nights, written when he was an inmate of its walls, we imbibe all the romantic interest of the place without for a moment losing our hold upon reality. Yet, in accompanying him through its maze of passages, we realize the feeling of awe creeping over us as we think of the numerous incidents and legends connected with them.

Let us pause for a moment in the Court of Lions, so called from a splendid fountain supported by lions, and constructed entirely of marble, which baster, here the hand of time has fallen in light and traces of Moorish splendor exist in almost their pristine brilliancy. The blood-stained monument of the massacred Almoravides, now the tomb of the sultan of Spain, but sanctified by the memory of a valiant and successful ruler. Such deeds and tales of love, romance or war, fill the memories which cluster about this oriental ruin. Here our author has passed some of his most fruitful hours, wrapped in reverie and picturing to himself his past history.

In a remote part of the Alhambra is a chamber whose walls are hung with a mask, and whose windows look out into a beautiful garden where an alabaster fountain sparkles among orange and myrtle, enclosed by orange and citron trees, some of which are trained to form a sort of balcony over their branches into the chamber. This apartment was occupied by the fair Lindaraja, who flourished in the Court of Mohammed the Left-handed, four centuries ago. Irving, on learning its history gained permission to occupy it. As long as he continued Moorish in spirit, from its windows he had a beautiful view of the Darro as she wound her way through valley, grove and mountain. Here he sat gazing upon the surrounding landscape until the early dawn warned him of the hour and he would retire to his bed to sleep. The falling waters of the fountain in the garden below.

Another of our writer's favorite resorts was a balcony of the central window of the Hall of Ambassadors, from which he had a magnificent prospect of mountain, sea and valley, with the beautiful city of Granada far below. Here he passed hours weaving lists out of the casual incidents passing under his eye. There was scarce a pretty face that he did not see about him. But as the play was about completed some character would act in direct opposition to the part assigned him and so, disconcert the whole. As evening closed in and the bustle of the city subsided, he would turn from his drama in despair, giving his attention to the lovely prospect presented by the moon which was now peering in full splendor above the towers. The mountains lost their ruggedness, and their summits of perpetual snow glistened in the moonbeams. The whole landscape seemed to rejoice, as it were, under her mellow light, and the fountains to leap with gladness; even the blush of the rose being faintly visible. The warble of the nightingale from the groves below was borne to the ear of the listener by the balmy Andalusian air.

"On such heavenly nights he would wander over the whole structure, which, under the moonlight, loses every rent and chasm of time; every mouldering tint and weather stain, the marble resumes its original whiteness; the long cold shades brighten; the halls are illuminated with a softened radiance, and we tread the enchanted palace of an Arabian tale."

Irving's writings so perfectly reproduce his character that, after reading them we feel as if we had conversed with him. But a few days ago, April 3d, appeared the centenary of his birth.

No other author has enjoyed such unbroken and heartfelt adulation, and although a hundred years have passed, the lustre of his name seems not to have dimmed nor his popularity to have waned. In vain shall we look elsewhere for the delightful beauty, and royal gentility of the Alhambra. Under his charmed touch this magnificent edifice, in reality passed before us in all its snowy, beauty and majesty; its lofty domes and marble towers, its splendid fountains and perfumed gardens, glistened in the moonbeams or bask in the morning sunlight—a fit picture and a fit emblem of that paradise "Where angels sit and strike their cumulative harps, wreathed round with flowers and diamonded with dew."

WASTED WORK,

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BY NANNIE GILSTRAP.

It is a settled fact, admitted by all, that man, whether rich or poor, was not intended by his Creator, to lead an idle or useless life. We are expected to work for ourselves and for others, and the man who does nothing for himself, his country or his people, is a man universally despised. Granting then, that we must all work, another consideration of importance is, that we work to advantage, and do not lessen our powers of usefulness by wasting our time, talents, or our opportunities by producing rest is that are vainest. Opportunities however brilliant and promising, are only stepping stones upon which must rest the fame and honor of him who is to be the actor. If, however, he is unable to utilize those golden opportunities, his fame and honor will follow in the wake of his misdirected efforts. The man who undertakes to accomplish anything in opposition to the laws of nature, will make a first-class failure. No sensible man ever expects to make a success by floating barrels of iron and silver up the Missouri or Mississippi. If he intends to succeed, he must go with the current. The only way that he can successfully combat the force of gravity, that is tugging away at his heels, is to pit the terrific power of wind or steam, against the falling waters. Let, before he can be the controlling spirit of these outwelling elements, he must have a thorough knowledge of their relative power. Without this the results of his efforts would be but a monument of his ignorance and folly.

The forces of nature are not in power, but they march ruthlessly through their world and express the result. A life is regal and grand in proportion to the control exercised over the forces that are within and without. If we look into the laboratory of nature, we shall there discover just that kind and amount of energy, which is necessary to accomplish a given object. If a crystal is to be formed, each shining grain of sand, moves with unerring precision to its appointed place. If a given age of mankind is to be controlled only by a relentless warrior, then there appears a Caesar, Cromwell, or Napoleon, who marches ruthlessly through their times, untouched by the tears and sighs of their fallen victims. If a given era needs a poet, there appears a Homer, Goethe or a Shakespeare, who touches with infinite tenderness and power, the hidden fountains of our souls and we are enraptured by the words which they have written to live, and the kind and amount of energy necessary to do it.

Having settled these important questions, they then wheed their mighty powers into the chamber of the soul, and there marked the efforts of these mighty workers in the human hive. Wherever an individual undertakes to do anything for the advancement of himself or the race, and he lacks discipline, knowledge or power, his efforts will be largely useless.

The man who undertakes to lift two hundred pounds, when he has the power to lift only fifty, will present a sorry picture. The individual who undertakes to teach music, and can scarcely play Yankee Doodle or Old Hundred, will reveal to the world a case of sublime chaos. That man who undertakes to plead law without having mastered the intricacies of the multiplication table, and some of the commonest principles that belong to his mother tongue, will very largely waste his labor and waste his clients.

The great number of deaths is easily accounted for, when we know the attainments and qualifications of the physician who dislodge the pills. Many of our state legislatures have passed laws compelling the individual to be able to read, tell and hear from him, before they begin the practice of medicine. A large amount of the work of the world, is worse than wasted, simply from a want of intelligent direction and application of power.

The thing that men need, is discipline and knowledge which will make

them powerful and grand. The individual who has capacity, sufficient only to make an ordinary mechanic, and who undertakes to become an artist or a statesman, will make both God and men weep, on account of his ignominious failure.

A large amount of labor is wasted because men are undertaking to do that for which they have neither capacity nor aptitude. All of the learned professions are filled with unlearned professionals. The world stands sadly in need of common sense, common industry, common honesty and common knowledge. The individual who exalts all of these qualifications will never waste his energies in an occupation for which he is wholly unfitted. Every intellectual gift or social attainment should be brought to bear in the right direction and at the right time. It will not do to strike G flat when E sharp is wanted. It is useless to reach the station when two minutes behind time. The things that are most needed are concentration, energy and intelligence.

"This world with all its beauty, Its sunshine and its flowers, Was made for highest beauty, And not for idle hours. Each leaflet has its mission, Each blade of grass its place; Each life, spite of position, Bears its burden for the race. Only one spring is sent us, Only one golden grain; Only one summer lent us, To reap in joy or pain; And autumn's dews are slowly, White hair-tosses soon have come; We lay us with the lowly, And all life's work is done."

COME ALL,

An enjoyable evening at the Christian Church, Saturday, May 12th, given by the ladies of the Missionary Society. A novel entertainment consisting of music, recitations and refreshments.

PROGRAM:

Selection—The Lord's Prayer, D. P. Dobyns.
Music—Instrumental Solo, Emma Dibble.
Reading—The Parable of the Sower, Nannie Gilstrap.
Song—The Lord's Prayer, Carrie Hill.
Recitation—The Parable of the Sower, Kate Q. Evans.
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Ice cream and cake will be served to all desiring. Everybody is cordially invited. Remember, Saturday night.

EDUCATIONAL.

A Teachers' Institute of four weeks duration will convene in Oregon or Missouri about the 22nd of July. As to which of these two places it will meet, will depend upon the number of teachers in favor of each place, the terms for board and other expenses offered; the place to be decided upon before the 1st of June. We do not expect the citizens of either town to offer to entertain our teachers are of free, but since an institution of this kind is a great advantage to the schools of the place in which it convenes, and from fifty to one hundred teachers for a month in your town will make it inviolable, we expect some inducement offered.

Some think I place too much stress upon Normal Institute, and say they cannot afford to give so much time and spend so much money to prepare to teach only two or three years. As to cost, it will on y be \$15 or \$20 for the term, including board and tuition. If we increase our stock of knowledge, we also increase our worth and find our directors willing to pay good wages to qualified teachers. There is a moral obligation resting upon every one who teaches, to prepare well for such a responsible work.

I wish to hear from every teacher in the county upon the institutes question and wish to enroll the names of all who will become members. No tuition or expense until the session commences. I propose to work to organize the institute and, with what support the live teachers of the county will give, to insure the teachers that an able instructor will be employed to conduct the entire session. I will also do what teaching the instructor may wish without compensation. I speak of this to show that it is no money making scheme for my own benefit, but on the other hand it will cost me time and money. Let it cost what it may, we are determined to have a four weeks session, and shall make use of every opportunity to have a good institute and ask all who want to see Holt county still improve her excellent schools to help us.

CERTIFICATES.

Many are wanting to know whether or not I will renew certificates. With all respect to my predecessor, however careful he may have been in granting certificates, I believe it to be for the best interests of the schools of the county to renew but few certificates except those who attend the institute this summer and thereby give us an opportunity to be more acquainted with them and their ability.

W. F. DRAKE CO. COMMISSIONER.